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PATENT APPLICATI

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In re the Application of

Hiroyuki YAJIMA et al.

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For:

METHOD FOR REMOVING FINE FOREIGN MATTER, AND ROLLING

BEARING USING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Continuing Application based on the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response having expired on June 5, 2004, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested, effectively to September 7, 2004. Attached hereto is our Check No. <u>158150</u> in the amount of \$950.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17.

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